



St. Augustine Yacht Club

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2013 Wednesday Night Race Series

This year the St. Augustine Yacht Club will be hosting three series of Wednesday Night Races, with five races in each series. Races are open to anyone interested in fun and friendly competition on the water. Enclosed please find a Notice of Race, Race Instructions and a Registration Form for boats not already listed in the fleet.

The club will host a post race happy hour at the club after each race. All racers and crew are welcome.

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Wednesday Night Race – 2013 Notice of Race

1. Rules Races will be governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, and by these sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility All sailboats. Everyone should try to pre-register (fill out race form), but feel free to show up the night of a race and check in on channel 72. All boats should have a current PHRF rating issued by the First Coast Sailing Association. (See Sailjax.com for forms). Boats without a rating from FCSA will be issued a provisional rating by SAYC.

3. Schedule The race series will consist of three series of 5 races, scheduled as follows:

<u>March Series</u>		<u>Summer Series</u>		<u>Fall Series</u>	
Race #1	Mar 20 th (5:00 p.m.)	Race #1	June 5 th (5:30 p.m.)	Race #1	Aug 28 th (5:30 p.m.)
Race #2	Apr 10 th (5:00 p.m.)	Race #2	June 19 th (5:30 p.m.)	Race #2	Sep 4 th (5:00 p.m.)
Race #3	Apr 24 th (5:00 p.m.)	Race #3	July 17 th (5:30 p.m.)	Race #3	Sep 18 th (5:00 p.m.)
Race #4	May 8 th (5:30 p.m.)	Race #4	July 31 st (5:30 p.m.)	Race #4	Oct 2 nd (5:00 p.m.)
Race #5	May 22 nd (5:30 p.m.)	Race #5	Aug 14 th (5:30 p.m.)	Race #5	Oct 16 th (5:00 p.m.)

4. Registration Boats already in the fleet may register on the SAYC website (SAYC2000.com). Boats not listed in the fleet on the SAYC website may register in advance by completing the attached Entry Form/Waiver and sending it to the address listed on the form.

5. Fees Entry Fee per boat for each series is \$30 for SAYC members and \$50 for non-SAYC members, due at the beginning of the series. Entry fee checks made out to the St. Augustine Yacht Club should be sent to St Augustine Yacht Club, 442 Ocean Vista Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32080. SAYC members may elect to charge the Entry Fee to their account.

6. Instructions See attached sailing instructions.

7. Fleets Boats register to race in one of two PHRF fleets: 'Cruising Fleet' (flying code flag 6, using the FCSA Non-spinnaker Rating) or 'Performance Fleet' (flying code flag 5, using the FCSA Adjusted Rating). Performance Fleet boats may fly a spinnaker and will be charged 15 seconds per mile. No spinnakers may be flown in Cruising Fleet.

8. Scoring Boats will be scored for each race. The series winner will be the boat with the fewest total points after excluding the worst score. Points will be awarded using the Low Point System as follows:

First Place	1 pts
Second Place	2 pts
Third Place	3 pts
Etc.	

All non-finishers (DNS, DNF, DSQ) will be scored in accordance with Rule A9.

9. Prizes Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third for each race series in both fleets.



Wednesday Night Race - Sailing Instructions (March Series)

Boats will race in two PHRF fleets. The Cruising Fleet will consist largely of heavier displacement cruising type boats with higher PHRFs and/or less experienced crew, and use the FCSA Non-spinnaker Rating. The Performance Fleet will generally include faster boats with lower PHRFs and/or more experienced crew, and will use the FCSA Adjusted Rating. ***The faster Performance fleet will be required to sail the course twice, and the Cruising fleet once.*** Boats in the Performance Fleet can elect to fly a spinnaker with a 15 second/mile penalty.

March Series Wednesday Night Races will be sailed on one of two inland courses. The course will be selected the day of the race depending on wind conditions. The races in March, April, September and October will start at 5:00 pm sharp. The races in May, June, July and September will start at 5:30 pm sharp for Performance Fleet and 10 minutes later for Cruising Fleet. All races will use the following start sequence. The timing of the start is determined by the removal of the class flags (Time pieces and watches are relative). Sounds are secondary and may fail. The Race Committee can delay start times, combine fleets, or separate fleets at its discretion.

<i>5 minutes before the start</i>	<i>Class Flags Raised</i>	<i>Performance= Code flag 5</i> <i>Cruising= Code flag 6</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>4 minutes before the start</i>	<i>Preparatory Signal</i>	<i>“P” Flag raised</i> <i>(Blue with white square)</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>
<i>1 minute before the start</i>		<i>“P” Flag Removed</i>	<i>Long Horn Sound</i>
<i>0 time The Start</i>		<i>Class Flags Removed</i>	<i>Horn Sound</i>

All sailors must check in with the committee boat at least 15 minutes before the start on VHF channel 72 or by passing by the Committee boat and hailing. Election to fly a spinnaker (Performance Fleet only) can be made at any time during the race. The race committee will monitor channel 72 and can provide race information up until the class flags are raised.

Course-A runs north-south beginning just north of the Vilano Beach Bridge and extending about 1.3 miles north on the ICW to a mark set off Boating Club Road and back to the start. This course will be used primarily when the winds are easterly or westerly.

Course-B runs east-west beginning 0.3 miles north of the Bridge of Lions and extending about 1.3 miles eastward to Red Buoy # 8 near the mouth of the St. Augustine Inlet. This course will be used primarily when the winds are northerly or southerly.

Courses may be shortened if conditions require it. The 720 Degree Turn Rule will be in effect (rule 44.1 and 44.2).

The following flags may be flown by the committee boat:

Postponement:	rectangular pennant with red and white stripes
General Recall:	yellow pennant outlined in blue
Individual Recall:	white square with a blue cross
Shorten Course:	a white square with a blue square in its center
Come Within Hail:	Code Flag L, yellow and black squares

These races are intended to be a fun and friendly event, so protests are strongly discouraged. Varying boats with captains and crew of differing skill levels will be racing in close quarters so everyone is asked to be courteous and give spacing where needed. The Racing Rules of Sailing should be adhered to at all times.

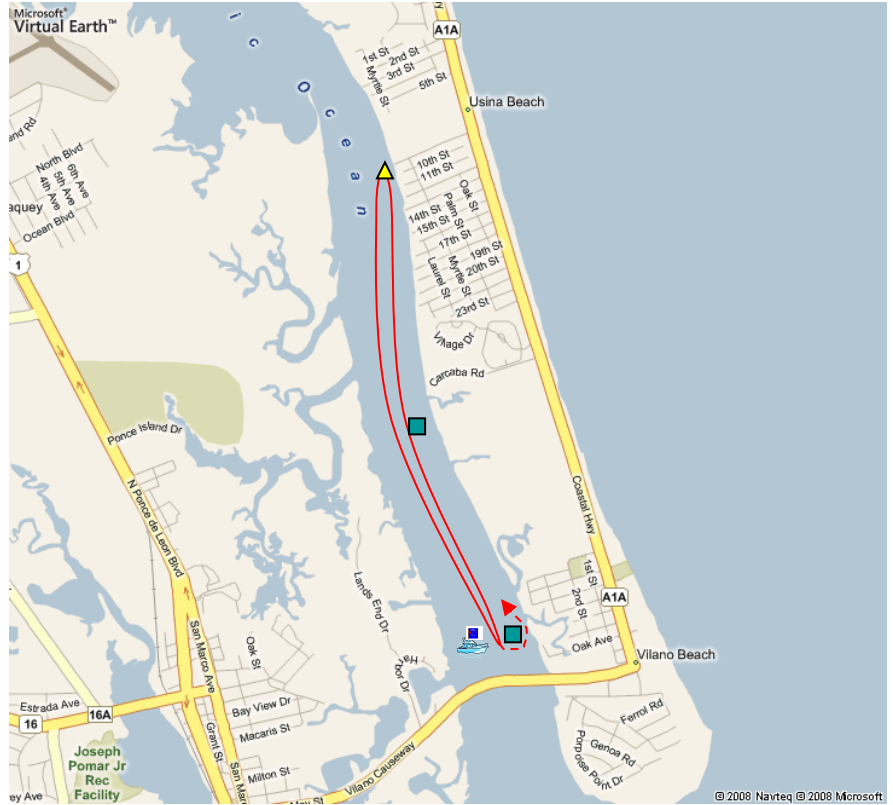
St Augustine Yacht Club 2012 Wednesday Night Race Courses

Course A

North from Day Mark 57
to a buoy set off Boating
Club Road & back (2.6
NM)

Cruising 1X
Performance 2X

Leave marks on the left



Course B

East from line North of
the Bridge of Lions to Red
Buoy # 8 in the Inlet &
back (2.6 NM)

Cruising 1X
Performance 2X

Leave marks on the left



**ST AUGUSTINE YACHT CLUB
YACHT RACING ENTRY FORM**

RACE: Wednesday Night March Series **DATE:** _____

YACHT NAME: _____ **SAIL #:** _____

YACHT MAKE/MODEL: _____ **LENGTH:** _____ **COLOR:** _____

PHRF RATING: _____ **US SAILING MEMBER #** _____

FLEET: _____ **(CRUISE FLEET or PERFORMANCE FLEET)**

OWNER'S NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

SKIPPER'S NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

CELL PHONE: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS WITH ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ **PHONE:** _____

VESSEL NORMALLY DOCKED AT: _____

The undersigned, for and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her guests, and the members of the crew of his/her yacht, hereby assumes all risk of accident and expressly agrees that the St. Augustine Yacht Club shall not be liable, under any circumstance, for any loss or injury to participants or others or the loss or damage to any yacht. The undersigned further agrees to indemnify and does hereby indemnify and hold the St. Augustine Yacht Club free and harmless under, from and against any and all losses, costs, damages, attorney's fees and liability of any kind or nature whatsoever growing out of or resulting from participation in any SAYC sponsored race.

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

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